

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: )  
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Filed: June 28, 2001 )  
For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE )  
PLACEMENT AND FIXING OF A )  
SHEET OF FILAMENTS FOR THE )  
PRODUCTION OF SCRIMS )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application:

Patent Application Number: 100 31 836.3

Title: Verfahren und Vorrichtung zum Vorlegen und Fixieren einer Schar von  
Filamenten für die Herstellung von Gelegen

Country: Germany

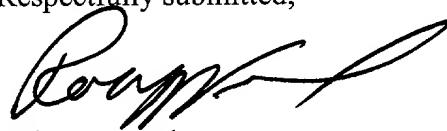
Filing Date: June 30, 2000

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(d)(1), Applicant has filed the above-referenced application in the German language, and the application is accompanied by an English language translation of the German language application with a statement that the translation is accurate, and the processing fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i). Applicant hereby requests that the English translation be used as the copy of the application for examination purposes in the Patent Office.

Applicant further hereby requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment to make the following changes to the application without the introduction of new matter:

1. The Applicant requests replacement of the specification, and submits the substitute specification and a marked up version of the substitute specification in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3). The substitute specification amends the specification by 1) deletion of the header, and 2) addition of paragraph numbers.
2. The Applicant submits formal drawings that provide identifying indicia, including the title of the invention, inventors' names, and filing date in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c).

Respectfully submitted,



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